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SUBJECT: JOE ALEX MORRIS SYRIAN BLACKLIST

REF: STATE 93326

1. MININF DIRECTOR FOREIGN RELATIONS ADVISED PAO
MINISTRY AWARE MORRIS TURNED BACK, BUT UNCLEAR
WHY BORDER OFFICIALS TOOK THIS ACTION. MORRIS
WELL-KNOWN TO MINISTRY, WHICH DISCLAIMING ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF REASON FOR BLACKLISTING.

2. MINISTRY PURSUING MATTER WITH SECURITY AUTHO-
RITIES, PROMISES CLARIFICATION WITHIN FEW DAYS.

3. THIS FIRST CASE OF BLACKLISTING OF U.S.
JOURNALIST SINCE JOE FITCHETT CASE EARLIER THIS
YEAR. FITCHETT NOW BACK IN SARG'S GOOD GRACES
AND IS EXPECTED IN DAMASCUS THIS WEEK.
MURPHY

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